

**REMARKS**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering the present application, and for indicating that claim 13 is allowed. Please reconsider the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

**Disposition of Claims**

Claims 2-4, 6-10, 13, and 14 were pending in the present application. Applicant hereby cancels withdrawn non-elected claims 2-4, 6-10, and 14, without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claim 13 is currently pending the present application.

**Amendments to the Claims**

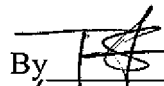
Non-elected claims 2-4, 6-10, and 14 have been canceled by way of this reply. No new matter has been added.

**Conclusion**

Applicant believes this reply to be responsive to all outstanding issues and place the application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or any other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 04783/012001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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